1 BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY 2 **NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE** 3 IN RE: PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY 4 CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ) 5 ) FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH 6 GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE ) 7 ) 8 **DOCKET NO. 04-00074** 9 10 11 12 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HON. DARRELL BRYAN 13 14 15 Q: Please state your name and title. 16 **A**: My name is Darrell Bryan. I am the mayor of Greeneville, Tennessee. 17 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony today? 18 The purpose of my testimony is to provide information to support the petition filed by **A**: 19 Atmos Energy Corporation for the approval of the franchise agreement between Atmos 20 and the City of Greeneville. 21 Were you involved in the negotiations between the City of Greeneville and Atmos 0: over the terms of the franchise agreement which is presently pending before the 22 23 Authority for approval? 24 A: Yes, I was personally involved in the negotiation process. I represented the City of 25 Greeneville in the negotiations and Tony Hughes negotiated on behalf of Atmos. During 26 the negotiation process, we both had full opportunity to review and provide input as to all 27 of the proposed terms. The franchise agreement currently before the Authority is the 28 result of those negotiations and represents the terms agreed to by both parties. 29 Q: In your opinion, is the continued operation by Atmos under the franchise agreement submitted for approval to the Authority in this proceeding in the public interest? 30 31 Yes, the franchise agreement is necessary and proper for the public convenience and **A**: 32 properly serves and protects the public interest of the citizens of Greeneville, Tennessee 33 As an authorized representative of Greeneville, I encourage the Authority to approve the 34 franchise agreement.

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No further questions.

Darrell Bryan
Mayor of the City of Greeneville, Tennessee

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of June, 2005.

Notary Public

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been mailed, postage prepaid, to the following parties of interest this 24 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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